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Purports to Come From "George Bartholomew" Who Says He Is On Way

A note addressed to the Portland Journal and signed "George Bartholomew" was picked up by some boys yesterday as it floated down South Mill creek sealed up in a bottle. The note was found by the son of Frank Smith, of 2678 Oak street, and turned over to Sheriff Esch this morning. It was dated December 20 from Salem and the stains on the paper indicate that it had been in the water some time and also that there were a few drops of some pink liquid in the bottle such as strawberry soda as the white paper was dyed a delicate pink in spots.

The writer speaks of John Lind, who was murdered and whose body was placed in a trunk and thrown into the river, as "Poor Lind" and says that he will leave at once for parts unknown where he expects to remain for some time.

The letter in full follows: "Portland Journal, December 20, Salem, Ore. Having seen in your newspaper that I am wanted for the murder of Lind, I take this opportunity and occasion to acquaint you with the fact that I am still enjoying good health and freedom, and despite the fact that the Scotland Yard of the West (Portland Police) are exerting superhuman efforts to encompass my downfall. As a moral squad the Portland police are very efficient, but as rounding up real criminals they are a huge joke. I will stay in Oregon a short time longer and then leave for parts unknown. Poor Lind, the last time I was here he was with me, but fate plays some queer pranks.

"George Bartholomew." The note is written in a bold hand on wrapping paper with a pencil. Sheriff Esch is of the opinion that the note was written by a practical joker who sought to gain a little fun at the expense of the officers. Since the note was found in the creek below the penitentiary it is possible that one of the prisoners dropped the bottle in the creek with the contained note to take a rap at his old enemies, the Portland police. However, the prisoners would have no way of securing the possession of a soda water bottle through any regular channels. One branch of the creek in which the bottle was found flows through the prison yard.

A clock this morning the New Haven officials revised their list of dead in the Milford wreck, accounting for six dead. The police at Milford also went over their figures, saying that six were killed, and possibly seven.

Fifty Are Injured.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 22.—Police estimates of casualties in the Milford wreck placed the injured at 50, including those who had been slightly hurt.

Public Schools Celebrate Washington's Birthday

The public schools in Salem held exercises this afternoon in commemoration and celebration of Washington's birthday as follows: Senior High school—Address by the Rev. James Elvin on the "Characteristics of Washington"; and music by the orchestra and glee club. Washington junior high—Address by the Rev. Carl H. Elliott and music and recitations. Englewood: Singing and recitations in the assembly hall of patriotic nature. Garfield: Each room held exercises including songs, recitations and short talks suggestive of the occasion. Grant Junior high school: An address by the Rev. J. C. Spence in the assembly room; the elementary grades holding exercises in their own rooms. Highland: Songs and addresses of a

SILVERTON TO GET \$500,000 SAWMILL

Silver Falls Timber Company to Handle Much of Log Output of Nearby Camps

Portland, Ore., Feb. 22.—A modern sawmill will be built by the Silver Falls Timber company at Silverton this spring at a cost of approximately \$500,000.

The plant will be operated in connection with the logging camps of the same company near Silverton. M. C. Woodard, general manager of the company, has just returned from the east, where he purchased the necessary machinery and equipment for the mill. He went to Silverton yesterday to make arrangements for the immediate inauguration of construction activities.

The plant will be built at the edge of Silverton, a town on the Springfield branch of the Southern Pacific, 16 miles south of Portland. A first class logging road, about 26 miles in length, connects the town with the camps.

Big Timber Tract Owned.

The company owns about 35,000 acres of first class timber land in Marion and Clackamas counties, tapped by this logging road.

It is estimated that this timber tract contains more than 3,000,000,000 feet of splendid fir. Heretofore the company has cut its timber and sold the logs to other mills. For about 18 months, however, owing to the depression in the lumber market, the camp has been idle.

Construction work on the new plant will be done by day labor under immediate direction of the company officials. It is planned to erect a complete mill, modern in every detail, including dry kilns, sheds and loading facilities. The initial output of the plant will be about 250,000 feet per day of ten hours.

Place in Log Market Kept.

Facilities will be provided, however, for operating both day and night when conditions warrant. A force of 400 men will be employed in the mill and camp.

While the company proposes, in the future, to cut its log output in its own mill, it will not retire from the log market entirely. It will be in position to offer its surplus log stock to other mills, but it is rather expected that the new plant will be able to consume the entire camp output.

Orders have been issued to use all possible speed in erecting the new plant in the hope of having it ready for complete operation about September 1.

"If the present upward tendency of the lumber market continues," said L. B. Meneffe, vice president of the Silver Falls Timber company, yesterday, "we should be able to operate our mill on full time from the moment that it is finished. If conditions improve, we should be able to operate it both night and day."

While our principal business heretofore has been logging, we have contemplated going into the milling business for the last few years. We have awaited only the improvement of the lumber trade that now has set in.

"We are nicely equipped to operate advantageously, for we have a fine stand of excellent timber and a good standard gauge railroad connecting the timber stand with the Southern Pacific line at Silverton."

"While the lumber trade was in a state of depression, during the last few years we did not operate our camp. We don't calculate to do much logging until our mill is completed, but expect to operate steadily and indefinitely after that."

patriotic nature.

Lincoln junior high school: No special exercises as the school held its regular recitations.

Park: School assembled for the singing of patriotic songs and appropriate short addresses.

Richmond: Recitations and music suggestive of Washington in the assembly room.

Secretary Houston Favors Flax in the Willamette Valley

Washington, Feb. 22.—Further testimony to the suitability of the climate and soil of the Willamette valley for the production of flax comes from Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture in a letter to Senator Chamberlain, commenting on letters from Oregon presented to the department, including one from Dr. E. A. Pierce, of Portland.

Secretary Houston, after commenting upon the data given through inspection of Oregon flax fields during the last season and present plans for conducting experimental field work with the agricultural station at Corvallis, says:

"The numerous small crops of fibre flax grown in the vicinity of Salem during the last 15 years have demonstrated that the conditions of soil and climate in the Willamette valley are especially suited for the production of flax fibre, and with the present demand for flax fiber conditions seem to be particularly favorable for the establishment of the industry in that locality. This department will gladly aid, so far as possible, in developing the enterprise along conservative lines. There is danger, however, of misleading farmers in a new enterprise of this kind with exaggerated statements regarding returns. Dr. Pierce is evidently misinformed regarding the price of flax straw. The yield of two tons per acre as mentioned in his letter, is conservative, but flax fiber straw, together with the seed, as delivered by the farmer, is sold at an average price of about \$13 per ton, making a return of about \$26 instead of \$50 per acre. The value of the fiber and the seed at present prices will doubtless average \$50 per acre but this is after it has been threshed, retted, broken, scutched, operations which are carried on at the mill rather than on the farm."



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DOES SECRET SOCIETY EXIST IN SALEM HIGH SCHOOL?

The Julius Caesar society, which was recently investigated by the district school board, has all the elements of a secret organization. Their meetings are held secretly outside the school, no member of the faculty being present. No record of their meetings is disclosed, nor is their purpose known by the majority of students.

The members who appeared before the school board stated that the society was not composed exclusively of students. Please note, however, that the outside members are alumni, many of whom are not in Salem to take part in activities of the society, and all of whom became members when they were students of Salem high school.

Their plea that "friendship" is the purpose of their organization is as ridiculous as it is incredible. With such a purpose, practiced after their manner, no organization could remain intact for over three years and continue to grow stronger. That they attempt to direct student politics is a more convincing supposition, since from 17 student members, the following positions are held: President of student body, president of senior class, president of junior class, three members in student council, football manager, also a few minor positions.

A further reason that leads an observer to believe their aim is politics, is that they persistently and repeatedly nominate their fellow members for offices. Thus, since it is evident that the Julius Caesar society is a secret organization, with the deducted purpose of controlling politics, then should not the state school law be complied with, which declares such organizations unlawful and provides a penalty therefor? M. T.

LAYING HENS AND SHOW HENS

Editor Capital Journal: I read with interest the letter you and I sent the county agriculturist but can't see way under the sun this little piece was tacked to one in favor of the agriculturist. For the benefit of some who may not have read the piece in Saturday's Journal, I reprint the following:

One day I went through a poultry show with a certain farmer. We looked at every coop of birds in the building and made casual remarks about a great many of the birds on exhibit. There was a carpentering claim but we didn't stop for that.

The next day I went through the same show with another farmer. At the very first coop we met the owner, and the farmer began asking all manner of questions. "Were they hatched in an incubator? What did he feed them when they were small? What did it cost to raise them from the time they were hatched till they began to lay? Did it pay to breed to two-year-old roosters? etc., etc."

We came upon four coops of Barred Rocks that had no cards or ribbons upon them. The farmer was very curious to know why. When we had gone all the way around the farmer said: "Let us go back and see if we can find out anything about those four coops of Barred Rocks."

"We found the owner in front of them. 'What is the reason your coops aren't tagged?' inquired the farmer. 'Well, these hens are bred to lay and will not roost high enough to compete with those show birds,' replied the owner. 'Can't a hen lay eggs and be a show bird at the same time?' cried the farmer. 'No sir!' replied the owner. 'You might just as well try to raise dairy cows by breeding them to the standard intended for a beef show as to try to raise laying hens by breeding to the standard intended for these fancy show birds.'

"Say! I wish I had that five dollars back I paid out for a fancy rooster last spring," cried the farmer. "How do you go about it to produce those laying hens?" "Well," the owner began, "I'll tell you how I have been doing it. Three years ago I had one hundred and twenty-five laying hens. All through January they didn't average me over six eggs a day. I marked the ones that were laying and found I had nine that were doing the most of the winter laying. I put them in a separate coop the next spring and raised my next year's chickens from them. Last winter I culled out the drones again, and this winter I am getting an average of five dozen eggs a day from one hundred hens."

The farmer looked at him intently for a few moments and said, "I'm going to begin culling out my hens, and I'll cut the darn heads off the drones living off me. My hens have free range. I have not time to lay with no second pen." And he looked like he was hankering to

start at it when he pronounced his ultimatum.

Now I am a breeder of Barred Plymouth Rocks and an exhibitor also and wouldn't wonder if I could guess the show and the circumstances mentioned above. A number of years ago I started with the best birds I could get from one of the best breeders on the Pacific coast and I find that these birds lay just as many or more eggs than the mongrel scrub I used to keep or that some of my neighbors have. I do not want to start an argument with this man with the four coops of Barred Rocks, but if his birds were hoppers and not exhibition birds why did he enter them to compete against birds that are to lay and show both? Now I have found from personal experience as well as from observation and reading that the nearer we get a pen up to the standard described in the American Standard of Perfection the better type of a layer we have. Walter Hogan in Poultry Craft says: "In the ideal Barred Plymouth Rock the general contour of the body presents the wedge shape so noticeable in the good dairy cow." So please don't compare us to the best cattle. I would like to say to Mr. Farmer No. 2 to keep his five dollar "rooster" if he is a good one, and buy another, but cull out his hens. Go to the Northwest Poultry Journal of Salem and get the "Call of the Hen." Hogan's system of picking out the layers. Cull out the drones and get 25 eggs from 30 hens instead of 30 eggs from 50 hens. This can be done for it has been proven that egg laying qualities and beauty can be found in the same pen.

As I have said before, I purchased my start in the exhibition Rocks from one of the best breeders on the coast. He has bred exhibition Rocks for 21 years, was a big winner at the Panama-Pacific exhibition. I quote a few lines from one of his recent articles in a well known farm paper.

I have heard it said that the breeder of fancy stock only breeds for show quality and not for egg-laying quality. I can say that the nearer I can breed my birds to show and shape, according to the American Standard, the better layers I produce. This statement is verified under the Judge Hogan System which was used at the Panama-Pacific International show at San Francisco, where my birds won 2nd, 4th and 5th, against all breeds.

W. HARVEY CRAWFORD, Salem, Oregon, Route No. 1.

COUNT GOES TO PRISON

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 22.—"Count" Jean De Marquette started for Folsom penitentiary today to serve five years for burglary. Shortly before his arrest the "count" married Maud Baker, a motion picture actress. Although the man still insists he is a French noble, police records show he was born in Providence, R. I., that his real name was Leonel Gianini, and his father, a rancher, of Ocean Park Heights.

AN "ONION JUICE" ROBBER

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 22.—The onion juice highwayman is at work in Los Angeles today. Ray Moud, grocery clerk, met him in an alley. The thief rubbed onion juice in Moud's eyes, then whined the tears trickled, lifted \$60 from his victim's wallet and fled.



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New York, Feb. 22.—In the first serious wreck on the New Haven system in many months, three trains today piled up near Milford, Conn., killing six passengers, and four trainmen, and injuring 16 other persons.

Passenger train number 79, bound for New York had stopped near Milford because of defective airbrakes. A special passenger train following, crashed into the rear, turning over the engine of the special and the last coach of the stalled train. A moment later, a New York bound freight on the next track hurtled into the wreckage, piling up the freight and blocking all tracks. The injured were picked up by a fourth train and taken 12 miles back to Bridgeport.

The impact hurled a coach over the freight train and toppled several cars into a 20 foot ditch. The company's statement said that the engine of the special passenger train jumped the track and crashed into the moving freight.

Recovery of ten of the injured persons is doubtful. Probably Seven Dead. New York, Feb. 22.—Shortly before

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